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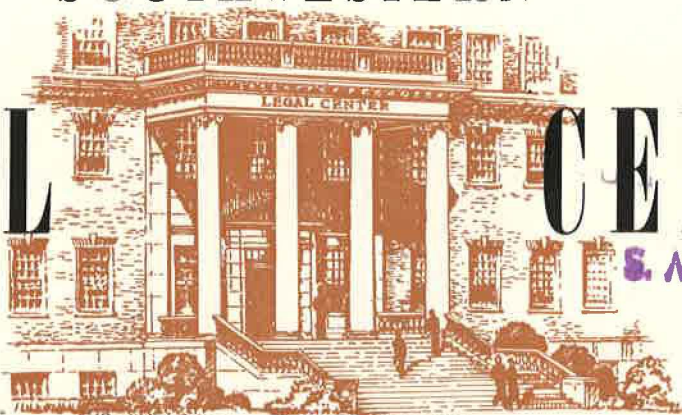
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Luminaries of the local legal profession gather at the Adolphus Hotel luncheon September 28, to discuss future Legal Center Institutes. Seated left to right are Robert L. Dillard, Jr., A. W. Walker, Jr., Wallace Hawkins, J. Glenn Turner, Robert G. Storey, Gordon R. Carpenter, L. V. Larson, and George Seay. Absent from the meeting but instrumental in the planning were Paul Carrington, Paul Jackson and Prof. Wilmer D. Masterson.

## Taxation Aspects Included

## Outstanding Institutes in Oil and Gas and Labor Law Planned for 1949

Leaders of the Southwestern Legal Foundation met for luncheon at the Hotel Adolphus in Dallas Sept. 28 to map plans for two outstanding institutes in the opening months of 1949.

Geared for high level consumption, a four-day institute in the field of oil and gas law with accompanying lectures on taxation as it affects these industries has been scheduled for the latter part of March, and a specialized labor law institute was set up for the last few days of February.

Meeting at the Petroleum Club at the Adolphus, the group enthusiastically supported the projected top-bracket conferences for next year.

R. L. Dillard, president of the Dallas Bar Association, pledged wholehearted support of his organization toward making the institutes successful. J. Glenn Turner,

Dallas State Bar Director, also added his unstinting cooperation to the endeavor.

Representing the Southwestern Legal Foundation were President R. G. Storey and Executive Director Gordon R. Carpenter. Included in the discussion were A. W. Walker, Jr., Director of Research Oil and Gas Law of the Foundation; Lenart V. Larson, member of the Labor Law Committee of SLF and secretary of the Labor Law Section of the State Bar; Wallace Hawkins, chairman of the Oil and Gas Committee of the Foundation and the SMU Law School; George Seay, chairman of the Labor Law Committee of the Foundation.

Though absent from the meeting, J. Paul Jackson, chairman of the Legal Center's Taxation Committee, and Masterson, Professor of Oil and Gas Law at SMU,

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## Notes on International Bar Conferences

It was my privilege to attend three International conferences this summer, the International Bar Association at The Hague — sessions held in the Peace Palace; World Council of Churches at Amsterdam and International Law Association at Brussels. Lawyers from 53 nations were at the International Bar Association. 160 papers were prepared in advance and many were orally presented. The great majority dealt with the development of International Law. Others related to restoration and compensation for property rights arising from war. The outstanding subject at the International Law Association was the question of human rights or the four freedoms of man. The World Council of Churches considered International Law and relations. The leading speaker was Mr. John Foster Dulles. Representatives from behind the Iron Curtain attended each convention. The ever present and pressing problem of the East-West conflict affected all discussions.

The setting for the International Bar Association was perfect since the Peace Palace where it was held was completed in 1913—just before the beginning of World War I—and in the court room of the World Court created under the League of Nations and now where the Permanent Court of International Justice sits—a creation of the United Nations. Such an atmosphere, history and setting emphasized that International Law and treaties can not endure without a court with compulsory jurisdiction to decide disputes arising between nations with adequate provisions for sanctions and enforcement. I am happy to report that the Association, after thorough debate by leading lawyers, adopted appropriate resolu-

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## AMG Legal Expert Whitney R. Harris Added to Faculty of SMU Law School

Whitney R. Harris, formerly a prosecutor in the War Crimes trials at Nuremburg, Germany, has been named visiting professor of law at Southern Methodist University.

Mr. Harris will assume the classes of Dean Emeritus Charles S. Potts, who retired in May. He will be teaching Constitutional Law and Administrative Law.

Educated at the University of Washington, where he received a BA degree and was admitted to Phi Beta Kappa, and at the University of California, where an LLB degree was conferred, Mr. Harris comes to SMU with an illustrious and extensive background in the legal field.

Prior to the war, the 36-year-old Harris practiced law in Los Angeles. He rose from ensign to lieutenant commander in the Navy during the struggle and was awarded a Legion of Merit for his



Whitney R. Harris

work on the U. S. Chief of Counsel staff in Germany. Harris also served as Deputy Chief, Legal Advice Branch of the Military Government of Germany and as Deputy Director of the Legal Division, which carries top government civil rating and salary.

## Clearing House

## Placement Service Brings Graduates and Prospective Employers Closer Together

Approximately a year ago the SMU School of Law inaugurated a Placement Service for graduating law students and recent graduates who had not as yet made suitable arrangements as to their employment. Planned as a "Clearing House" for job information, this Placement Service was designed to help bring the prospective employer and the graduating senior closer together.

There are undoubtedly many lawyers, law firms and corporations who are desirous of obtaining the services of competent young lawyers but they hardly know where to look. Conversely there are many promising law graduates who do not know where to start looking for a position. To rectify this anomalous situation is the objective of the Service.

Professor Harvey Davis is Director of the Placement Service. Davis was in an administrative capacity with the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the war and was in the private practice of law prior to devoting his full time to teaching. He is aware of the prob-

lems involved in this work and has instituted a questionnaire to be filled out by each graduating senior which elicits desired information concerning their qualifications, experience, grades, and preference as to type and locality of employment. This makes it possible to advise an inquiring law firm or corporation whether or not a recent graduate possesses the interest or experience they desire. If so, an interview is arranged. All this at no cost to the employer or the applicant.

Pursuant to requests from law firms and corporations the Placement Service has already supplied, from among its registrants, a considerable number of recent graduates with specialized training.

As all correspondence and information is confidential, law firms and corporations seeking the employment of young lawyers are urged to avail themselves of this service. If, upon inquiry, applicants are not available who possess the desired qualifications the Placement Director will so advise.

Alumni of the law school are  
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## Exes Had Great Time in Houston

An enthusiastic group of exes attended the SMU Law Alumni Breakfast in Houston during the State Bar Convention in July. All officers of the Alumni Association were present including prexy J. Glenn Turner, of Dallas, and Vice-Presidents Tom Duggan, Jr., of Lubbock, Summers Norman, Jacksonville, Tom Ryan, Houston, and Secretary-Treasurer Gordon R. Carpenter, Dallas.

Chief Justice John E. Hickman of the Supreme Court of Texas delivered an address in which he praised the work of the law school and the Southwestern Legal Foundation. Judge Hickman, for many years a trustee of Southern Methodist University, expressed great faith in its future work and progress.

Dean Emeritus Charles S. Potts traced the history of the law school and the Alumni were very interested in the remarks of Dean Robert G. Storey concerning plans for the future of the law school and the Foundation.

Exes attending the breakfast were Wiley Johnson, Joe C. Stephens Jr., Bob McGinnis, Mrs. W. M. Taylor, Jr., W. M. Taylor Jr., Will Wilson, Felix H. Garcia, E. Taylor Armstrong, Prof. Clyde Emery, Gordon R. Carpenter, Chandler Lloyd, John Louis Shook, Elizabeth Carp, Vic Kelly, Robert A. Wilson, Donald C. Fitch, Jr., Hawkins Golden, J. Glenn Turner, Dean Robert G. Storey, Dean Emeritus Charles S. Potts, Prof. Roy R. Ray, Prof. Harvey Davis, all of Dallas.

Houston Alumni included Clovis Chappell, W. S. Moore, W. B. Browder, Jr., C. R. Vickery, Jr., T. E. Richards, Guy L. Mann, Gerald F. Ryan, W. V. Ballew, Jr., Sam H. Hood, John C. Williams, James Noel, V. R. Davis, C. O. Ryan, Tom Ryan, Stewart Morris, John Luker, J. H. Craddock, D. A. Culwell, Joe G. Fender and Radford Byerly.

Other cities represented included Harry M. Jones, Mineola; L. F. Sanders, Canton; Lewis Orsborn, Beaumont; James T. Bryan, Austin; W. P. Watts, Austin; Jim Kurk Evetts, Belton; R. E. Terry, Jr., Bellaire; Morris Hodges, Columbus; Bruce Davis, Denton; Summers Norman, Jacksonville; Thomas B. Duggan, Jr., Lubbock; C. E. Blodgett, Edinburg and Chief Justice John E. Hickman, Guest and speaker from Austin.

## A. W. Walker, Jr. Heads S. L. F. Oil and Gas Research

The acceptance by A. W. Walker, Jr., of Director of Research in Oil and Gas Law of the Southwestern Legal Foundation in July has been acclaimed as one of the greatest strides forward made by the Legal Center.

Walker, for many years Professor of Oil and Gas Law at the University of Texas, brings to Dallas an enviable reputation as one of the eminent authorities in that field. He will work closely with a committee of practicing lawyers in his new capacity.

Mr. Walker is now associated with the Dallas law firm of Robertson, Jackson, Payne, Lancaster and Walker. He resigned from his position at the state university to make the move to Dallas.

The Legal Center has been particularly interested in the specialized field of oil and gas in view of its location in the heart of that industry. Mr. Walker, because of his broad experience, both in the teaching and in the practice of law, as well as his connection with governmental boards affecting petroleum, is particularly qualified to conduct this research, President Storey commented.



A. W. Walker, Jr.

Admitted to the Texas Bar in 1923, Walker practiced in Dallas before his association with the state university. He has served as senior attorney of the Petroleum Administrative Board, U. S. Department of the Interior, and as president of the Texas Petroleum Council. He contributes also to numerous law reviews and periodicals and has authored a standard text, "Cases and Materials on the Law of Oil and Gas." During World War II, Mr. Walker was a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve.

### Regional Aspect Stressed

## Texas Law and Legislation Assumes New Name as Southwestern Law Journal

Adding an aspect of regional dignity and conformity to the two institutions nurturing it, **Texas Law and Legislation** announced a change of name last summer to the distinctive title **Southwestern Law Journal**.

The publication's conception in 1947, commenced by the Southern Methodist University School of Law, preceded the proposals for the Southwestern Legal Foundation and the Southern Methodist University Legal Center. Both are realities today, and it is believed that the name **Texas Law and Legislation** does not designate with sufficient clarity a principal objective of these institutions—the specialization in legal problems peculiar to the Southwest.

The **Southwestern Law Journal**, Vol. II, No. 1, has now been distributed in the form of a

two hundred and sixty-three page Symposium on Labor Law. Comments already received herald this issue as an authoritative and informative piece of work. There has been no obvious attempt by the authors to present the labor picture favorably or unfavorably to either management or labor. Rather the writers have taken the facts as they found them and assembled this issue into a very interesting thesis on the background and present day labor scene. Prof. Lennart V. Larson, faculty advisor of this issue, has recently been raised to full professorship in the law faculty.

Volume II, No. II of the Law Journal, slated for publication sometime this fall, is a rather ambitious effort, entitled "Survey of 1947 Texas Statutes and Sig-  
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Well, here we are back in circulation after a little summer rest. A lot of things have happened since last spring and we will try as quickly as possible to bring you up to date through this column. Word from readers has indicated a desire to hear more about the exes, where they are, what they are doing.

Paul G. Pourifoy, '28, was recently successful in his election to the position of Judge of County Court at Law No. 1 in Dallas.

J. Glenn Turner, '28, is the new State Bar Director for the Fifth Congressional District.

Hayden Weaver, '47, was recently elected County Attorney at Canyon, Texas.

John Wilson, '48, and Edwin P. Horner, '48, have assumed teaching "positions" at the Baylor School of Law in Waco. Horner and Wilson were both top students and Wilson made the highest grade at the time he took the State Bar Examination.

Albert E. Aikman, Jr. is with Phillips Petroleum Company in their Legal Department at Amarillo.

John Fox Holt, '48, Assistant District Attorney, Dallas.

Leonard Murph, '48, now Professor of Social Science at Texas A & M College.

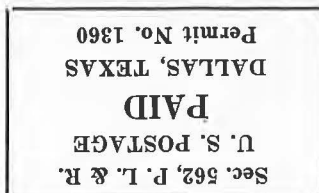
Thomas Elliott Moberly '28 has been located and is in the private practice of law in the South Texas Building, San Antonio, Texas.

Sol Levin, '48, and Milton P. Garner, '48, announce their association for the general practice of law at 323 Fidelity Building, Dallas, Texas.

Miss Amylee Travis, '48, became the bride of Carter Adams Chamberlain of Chicago on September 18, 1948. They were married at Glendale, California.

Bruce Davis, '36, announces the association for practice of law under the firm name, Davis and Faw, 209 McClurkin Building, Denton, Texas.

**Note:** News from our Alumni is still solicited. Address communications to **The Publications Editor**, Southwestern Legal Foundation, SMU School of Law, Dallas 5, Tex.



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### —International Conference

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tions embodying such principles.

It was evident that permanent peace will not be achieved unless based upon law and justice. Lawyers are especially qualified to lead in this great movement.

Tremendous legal problems are arising from the millions of displaced persons as an aftermath of war. Property and human rights of those unfortunate people challenge the best thought of legal minds everywhere. These great issues with the background of Communism and frustration of many make the task of the lawyer a heavy one.

It is good for the legal profession to work together internationally as well as nationally and locally. The United States is the hope of leading the world down the path of law and justice.

President  
Southwestern Legal Foundation

### —Placement Service

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particularly urged to keep this service in mind when contemplating the employment of additional lawyers. When information concerning possible job opportunities come to the attention of alumni they should communicate such information to the Placement Service.

Any inquiries should be directed to Professor Harvey Davis, SMU School of Law, Dallas, Texas.

### —Outstanding Institutes

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supplied their suggestions for the institutes. Paul Carrington, member of the Foundation and chairman of the State Bar's Labor Law Section also lent his aid to the institutes.

The nature of the Oil and Gas Institute in March classifies it as unusual in that it presents both current problems of interest in these branches, but tax features as well. Subjects and lectures will definitely be advanced in their quality, with speakers selected from among the best informed lawyers in the oil and gas field in the nation. Where necessary to bring the last word in controversial and important problems, they will be imported from other sections of the country.

Detail planning of the institute is in the hands of Messrs. Walker, Hawkins, Masterson and Jackson. Designed as a regional institute, the meetings will welcome members of the bar from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Of shorter duration, the Labor Law Institute will be presented on a more elementary basis in order to attract more of the practicing lawyers who do not specialize in this field. Many lawyers have expressed desires to know more about the subject. For example, various ramifications of the Taft-Hartley Act will be explained in an understandable manner at these sessions.

The Institute will be presented in the latter part of February, probably on two or three successive afternoons covering eight or ten lectures.

Messrs. Seay and Larson and other members of the Labor Law Committee are planning the ses-

### —Regional Aspect

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nificant Case Law." This work is being edited entirely by students, but each field of the law prepared will be done under the direction of the law professor specializing in that particular field.

Information to date indicates that this issue will be of vital interest to any practicing lawyer, as the information contained therein will fairly well restate significant developments in the field of law in Texas during the past year.

Edmund P. Van Zandt, Jr., is the Editor for Survey issue, Lionel Gilly, Business Manager, John C. De Hay, Secretary, and Professor A. J. Thomas the Faculty Editor.

The Southwestern Law Journal will be prepared and distributed twice a year, each issue concentrating on some aspect of the law of particular interest to the lawyers of Texas. Subscription rates are \$2.00 per year or \$1.00 the copy. Subscriptions are now solicited and should be sent in immediately to insure receipt of a copy of the "Survey of Significant Texas Statutes and Texas Case Law during 1947." Mail your subscriptions or inquiries to The Southwestern Law Journal, SMU School of Law, Dallas, Texas.

Faculty editor of the Southwestern Law Journal, A. J. Thomas, was elevated to assistant professor this fall.

sions. Mr. Dillard and Mr. Carrington are cooperating in the project.

Much work is now being done in the field of Labor Law and much remains to be done. The committee is planning an interesting program that will cover various aspects from the standpoint of management, of labor and of the government.